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SUBJ: FUTURE NPW VISITS TO THE NETHERLANDS

1. MFA DIRECTOR FOR NATO AFFAIRS VAN EEKELEN, WHO LAST FALL LENT STRONG AND HELPFUL HAND IN FACILITATING PORT VISIT TO ROTTERDAM OF USS CALIFORNIA, TOLD POLCOUNS IN COURSE OF CONVERSATION ON OTHER MATTERS THAT CALIFORNIA VISIT WAS USEFUL PRECEDENT FOR FUTURE NPW VISITS TO DUTCH PORTS. IN DOING SO, HE ECHOED EARLIER COMMENTS TOTHE SAME EFFECT BY DUTCH CHIEF OF NAVAL STAFF ADMIRAL VELDKAMP.

2. VAN EEKELEN CAUTIONED, HOWEVER, THAT IN HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CIRCLES, ALSO IN THE GOVERNMENT, THERE MIGHT STILL BE SOME UNHAPPINESS THAT VISIT HAD TAKEN PLACE ON BASIS OF US STANDARD STATEMENT AND NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH NORMAL DUTCH REQUIREMENTS FOR VISITS BY NUCLEAR-POWERED VESSELS. VAN EEKELEN WENT ON TO COMMENT THAT, WHILE FURTHER US NPW VISITS WOULD BE DESIRABLE, IT WOULD BE BEST TO AVOID ANYTHING WHICH MIGHT UNNECESSARILY STIR UP ADVERSE FEELINGS. FOR THAT REASON, IT WAS HIS PERSONAL OPINION THAT VISIT BY SURFACE VESSEL RATHER THAN SUBMARINE WOULD BE PREFERABLE. CHOICE OF PORT WAS ALSO RELEVANT,
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AND IN THIS CONNECTION HE MENTIONED DEN HELDER. FINALLY, HE SAID

TIMING MIGHT ALSO BE SIGNIFICANT ELEMENT; FOR INSTANCE, VISIT
DURING ELECTION PERIOD WOULD PROBABLY BEST BE AVOIDED. (NB:
NEXT SCHEDULED ELECTION WILL BE HELD MAY 1977).
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